

## Icy Lake Takes Three Lives At Warren Dunes

### South Bend Pair And Daughter Perish On Holiday Outing

BY CURT BARTON  
Staff Writer  
BRIDGMAN — Police were still looking this morning for the bodies of two of three members of a South Bend family who perished in the icy waters of Lake Michigan at

Warren Dunes state park Sunday afternoon. Drowned were Richard and Eileen Dulin, both 38, the parents of five, and their daughter Jennifer, 16. State police at New Buffalo said the drownings occurred at

about 1:30 p.m., when the girl fell into the water and her parents apparently jumped in to save her.

Witnesses at the park threw ropes to the three in an attempt to save them, but none were able to hold on long enough to be pulled up over a six-foot accumulation of lake ice, police said.

The four other children in the family, aged from 2 to 13, stood nearby as attempts to rescue their parents and sister failed.

Mrs. Joseph Lozeau Jr., of Karen court, Bridgman, took the children to her home and kept them there Sunday afternoon until family and friends in South Bend were contacted and came for them.

The drownings occurred in front of the south pavilion at Warren Dunes, where the Dulin family had apparently come for a winter outing.

Occurring on the last day of the year, the tragedy raised Berrien county's drowning toll for 1972 to 18.

Police said the surviving children told them Jennifer was walking about two feet from the edge of the jumbled accumulation of lake ice and frozen spray when the ice crumbled, dropping her into the water. The ice was up to six feet thick at that point, and possibly 70 feet wide, police said. They estimated the water depth as four feet.

One of the first onlookers at the scene, Richard Fulmer, 24, of Osceola, Ind., said he was walking on the shore nearby and heard the child scream. He said he turned and saw the father running towards the edge.

"I tried to yell to him to stop, not to jump in, but he did anyway," Fulmer said. The mother had apparently already jumped into the water, according to Fulmer.

Fulmer said he threw his car keys to a girl who was with him and told her to get police. He

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**BODY RECOVERED:** State police divers Bert Ogden, left, and Jim Blair braved ice and waves at Weco beach Sunday afternoon to retrieve body of South Bend man who drowned, along with his wife and daughter, at Warren Dunes an hour and a half earlier. Man on knees with his arm

extended is gripping body by arm. Assisting are Berrien marine deputies and members of the Sawyer fire department. (Staff photo by Curt Barton)

## U.S. Planes Attack Red Supply Lines

SAIGON (AP) — American warplanes resumed attacks on North Vietnam's southern panhandle below the 20th parallel today after a 36-hour halt for New Year's, the U.S. Command announced.

The bombing halt above the 20th parallel, which includes Hanoi and Haiphong, remained in effect. It was ordered by President Nixon on Saturday in preparation for the resumption of secret peace negotiations in Paris next Monday.

A communique said air operations over North Vietnam resumed at 1 p.m. It gave no details, but U.S. officials said the bombers were attacking supply routes below the 20th parallel to slow the annual dry-season push of war materiel across the demilitarized zone and through Laos into South Vietnam.

The U.S. Command also reported that bombing operations were resumed in South Vietnam at dusk Monday after a 24-hour holiday halt.

The pattern was the same during the Christmas ceasefire, and again there was no explanation why the halt in North Vietnam lasted 12 hours longer.

The Command said that, from dusk Monday until dawn today, U.S. planes made 44 strikes in South Vietnam, all but two of them in the northern quarter of the country below the DMZ.

Vo Van Sung, North Vietnam's delegate general in Paris told newsmen Sunday the United States would have to sign without modification a draft peace agreement worked out last October.

The North Vietnamese have been making this demand since late October, when the United States said there should be one more negotiating session before the agreement could be concluded.

Later talks between White House aide Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's top negotiator, Le Duc Tho, resulted in deadlock.

"If the American side continues to demand unreasonable

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## Heating Oil Supply May Be Adequate

Major Twin Cities area fuel oil dealers should be able to maintain supplies to domestic customers, despite a shortage caused by the extremely cold weather that hit earlier than usual.

Should the frigid weather continue, however, there could be a cut-off of supplies to "independent jobbers." And, industrial firms that have interruptible service contracts with Michigan Gas Utilities Co. can look for more cut-offs of natural gas.

These conditions were revealed during a spot check of dealers, in the wake of a report that a shortage of fuel oil has hit parts of Western Michigan. The report was made by Joseph D. Hadley, executive secretary of the Michigan Petroleum association. He was quoted by a wire service as saying that about six wholesale oil dealers already have run out of fuel.

Gordon Hosbein, president of Peoples Coal & Oil Co., Benton Harbor, said cold weather has made the fuel oil market a little tight. Hosbein said regular customers would be supplied, but continued cold could force elimination of supplies to "independent jobbers." These are small firms that get sup-

plies from a larger agency and, in turn, serve their own customers. Hosbein said the six dealers reported to have run out of supplies probably are the independents.

Hosbein said the peak fuel oil period usually falls about Jan. 10. He noted optimistically that winter seasons over past years have balanced out. Extreme cold early in the season has been followed by warmer

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**DROWNING VICTIM:** Members of Sawyer fire department, Berrien deputies and state police carry body up dune at Weco beach Sunday afternoon after it was recovered by divers who entered the icy, wind-swept water. Victim drowned, along with his wife and 10-year-old daughter, about an hour and a half earlier at Warren Dunes, about two miles to the south. (Don Wehner photo)



**BEST WAY TO GO:** Boating was best means of transportation Sunday in some low areas along Black river near South Haven in Van Buren county. Localized flooding followed rain and temperatures near 50

degrees Saturday that produced heavy snow melt off. Residents of area, located about two miles east of South Haven, said flooding was worst since 1940's. Paddlers pass in front of Normank hinx residence, one of six

homes along Phoenix road that were flooded. Water was reported this morning to be near normal level. (Tom Renner photo) More photos front page section 2.

## Trio Survives By Eating Ants

ESCANABA, Mich. (AP) — Two Bay College students and an instructor emerged from a remote area of Upper Peninsula wilderness Monday following six days of living off the land.

The only equipment the trio — Jim Peacock, instructor and students Bob Nygaard and Tom Bohm — took with them into the woods Dec. 27 were jackknives, fishhooks, a small amount of line, wire for snares, a compass, sleeping bags, snowmobile suits and boots.

Peacock said small game vanished following a freezing rain, and the only food available in the six days were ants found in a tree stump.

The three were tired, hungry and cold, but otherwise healthy and none the worse for wear. They said they underwent the ordeal to prove man can exist in the wilderness with only the bare necessities.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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## School Financing Formula Nullified

Traditionally, public education in the U.S. has relied upon local taxation for its support, supplemented in most recent times, by allotments from the state treasuries.

The Michigan legislature, under pressure from Detroit's financial plight, revised the system a few years ago to increase the per pupil distribution in tax poor districts and to lower it in the better heeled areas.

Last Friday the Michigan Supreme Court declared this half a loaf plan runs afoul of state and federal constitutional equal protection clauses.

The 4-3 majority decision cited numerous statistical variances to sustain its conclusion.

Among them was the contrast between two Detroit suburban districts, Bloomfield Hills where the monied people dwell and Madison Heights which has its fair share of welfare residents.

During the 1970-71 school year, the one under consideration by the Court, Bloomfield Hills reported a tax base of \$27,429 behind each student in its K-12 system. Madison Heights had \$10,224. The state aid per pupil was \$238.75 to Bloomfield Hills and \$445.91 for Madison.

Totally, however, Bloomfield Hills spent \$1,198.69 per student while Madison Heights laid out \$804.10.

The Court finds this and similar disparate spending to be inequitable.

The opinion does not upset the 1972-73 budgets throughout the state, nor does it outlaw the local property tax as a financial tool.

Neither does it lay down a timetable to balance up the spending.

The majority opinion, however, does leave the door open for challenge to the 1973-74 school budgets if they follow in their present pattern.

The ruling also raises a road block against a district levying extra taxes for general education purposes, though it leaves a door open to what it describes as special programs.

This admonition apparently would allow Bloomfield Hills to tack on a few mills for the high school band but not to teach the 3 Rs.

Presumably a district or a taxpayer who disagrees with the egalitarian

decision could appeal it to the U.S. Supreme Court which has before it a similar situation coming up from Texas.

The Washington bench has not indicated when it will hand down its viewpoint, but since most school budgets have to be finalized by a July 1st deadline it seems reasonable to feel the Court would expedite the Texas case.

Governor Milliken who filed the case most likely will make school financing a priority in his state of the state message to the legislature a few weeks from now.

There are all manner of routes the legislature can take to come within the boundary sketched by the Court.

Revising district lines for a locally equalized tax parity is one.

A drastic switch in the state aid formula is another. For example, take away Bloomfield Hills' allotment and give it to Madison Heights.

A third alternative would be substituting a state property tax for the local school tax and distributing the proceeds on a per pupil basis. A variation of this could be sending the tax money to Lansing for parcelling out.

Milliken's mish-mash of lower property taxes and higher taxes which the voters rejected at the November 7th election is likely to re-appear in one form or another.

As an ethical abstraction, it does appear at first blush there is something wrong in Bloomfield Hills being able to lay out nearly 50 per cent more for its kids than what Madison Heights can spend on its.

The assumption behind such a premise is that if every district spends the same the educational output will be the same and, hopefully, better than what it is today in many of the state's areas.

The assumption states its own error. Spending a like amount on each student will not raise a D student to a Phi Beta Kappa and it may for the long pull drag the A student down to the C level.

The assumption also removes any incentive for a local school board to seek out operating economies and will make bargaining for the teacher unions a one-way street to the public tilt.

The best hope for students and taxpayers alike is for the U.S. Supreme Court to hustle along a contrary ruling in the Texas case.

were largely the result of independent research activity.

A research project is little more than someone's idea being tested scientifically. The more ideas which can be tested, the more likely one of them will hit on a solution.

Instead of combining a large army of talent under one management and directing its attention to one goal, a more nearly ideal method of guaranteeing an early breakthrough would be to promote more scientific explorations in many fields by many persons.

Concentrating available talent and facilities in a narrow sphere may be a good way to manufacture a pencil. But it hardly promotes the individual initiative and scientific curiosity needed to break the stubborn resistance of cancer, heart disease and stroke.

companions will realize that they've just been trying to reduce their jaws.

Before the medics made their discovery, yawning was regarded as one of the worst roots of all evils. To yawn in the middle of a superior's monologue was tantamount to cowardice in the field. It could get one a harangue or worse.

When one yawned in the face of the lady of the house, mere man's estate was likely to look like Managua after the earthquake. Fortunately, those moments are gone forever.

When the word gets around that yawning is legitimate health-giving exercise, many of those who stifled yawns for years will be like frogs who would die if they couldn't croak.

When a prominent member of Indonesia's Toradja people dies on the island of Sulawesi, formerly known as Celebes, his body may remain in his home for months or years, attended by mourners, before it is interred, the National Geographic says.

## What, Me Worry?



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### ROADRUNNER TITLE TO LAIC

— 1 Year Ago —

Lake Michigan college celebrated the New Year a bit early by ringing in the Roadrunner holiday basketball tournament championship.

The Indians, scoring 12 straight points in the last four minutes of the contest, pulled out a come-from-behind 82-79 victory over Southwestern Michigan college in the title game at the Zollar Physical Education Center in Dowagiac.

### ST. JOE NIPS NILES

— 10 Years Ago —

Mike Pallas, a sleeping giant in the St. Joseph offensive attack for four out of the first five games, came to life last night and paced the Bears victory over the Niles Vikings.

The St. Joseph junior, who's out-court shooting last season pulled the Bears out of many holes, was charging, driving, deadeye basketball player last night as the Bears evened their season record at 3-3.

### REVEAL PLANS FOR HOSPITAL

— 29 Years Ago —

Plans are now being formulated by the board of trustees of the St. Joseph, Michigan, Hospital Association to give St. Joseph a new hospital that will be one of the most modern in the state, President Frederick S. Upton disclosed today.

Architectural plans for the new structure are now in the process of preparation. Cost of the project is estimated at half million dollars. It will provide for 100 or more beds. The new hospital, when completed will replace the present Sanitarium now operated by the non-profit Hospital association.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S VIETNAM POLICY

Editor,

To anyone who objects to the stepped-up bombing of North Vietnam and the refusal of our President and his envoys to accept the peace proposals as presented by the North Vietnamese regime I submit two questions related to two of the peace proposals: 1) assuming you believe we should accept the peace terms as presented by the North Vietnamese regime, how much would you be willing to pay from your own pocket for the reconstruction of North Vietnam when the war is over? 2) If we complied with the terms offered and all our armed forces and those of our allies were withdrawn from Vietnam within 60 days of the signing, only the forces of North Vietnam and its allies would be allowed to remain in South Vietnam after our withdrawal. What freedom of choice or action do you believe the citizens of South Vietnam would have in determining their fate, their government or their future?

The stipulation that the U.S. would contribute to the reconstruction in North Vietnam makes no mention of any ally of the northern regime doing the same thing, nor of anyone aiding in the reconstruction of South Vietnam. North Vietnam and its allies spent all their efforts and exhaust their resources on trying to impose their will on the people of South Vietnam, requiring a war of longer than a decade, and then have the sheer gall to ask us to literally repay them a partial cost involved in killing our own men and those of our allies and the innocents of South Vietnam and in the downing of our own planes, as we help pay to reconstruct North Vietnam from the ruins of its own self-imposed warfare.

Since the start of the Vietnam war the only U.S. and allied troops to set foot in North Vietnam were those shot down or captured, whereas swarms of Viet Cong and innumerable divisions of North Vietnam regulars have invaded and plundered South Vietnam.

North Vietnam, like every communist government which ever existed, has always resisted the acts or ideas of a free election for its people or

for those it wishes to "liberate," as they know there has never been a communist form of government elected into existence in history. No sane people will ever elect themselves into slavery.

Anyone who can accept the peace terms as offered by North Vietnam or who condemns the will of the invaded South Vietnamese to resist communist enslavement, or who feels it is an injustice for the fires of war to scourge the invader and who does not recognize the North Vietnamese and its allies as the true aggressors in the Vietnamese war, is either a glib brain-washed individual, a naive intellectually-deficient person, or a die hard communist.

If a land invasion of North Vietnam had taken place at the onset of this war or if the scope of present bombing had been unleashed against the northern aggressor without the many "truces" which allowed the enemy to catch his breath, the Vietnam war could have been ended long ago and the peoples of both North and South Vietnam could have been living in peace under a government of their own making, without the imposition of any outside or foreign interests or government.

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## Wife Accused In Gun Death

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)—A Grand Rapids housewife was accused Monday of shooting her husband to death during a quarrel less than three hours after the New Year began.

Mrs. Kathie Owens, 26, demanded examination at her municipal court arraignment on a murder charge in the death of Sheelly Owens, 30.

### Girl Drowns

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP)—A 12-year-old girl from nearby Cambridge Township drowned Sunday when ice on a pond broke underneath her.

The victim was identified as Pamela Smith. Two other children were pulled to safety.

## Ray Cromley



## Nine Out Of Ten Welfare Cheaters

WASHINGTON (NEA) — If there is anyone who doubts the need to reform the nation's welfare system, he has only to read some recent spot studies to realize the incredible amount of graft which cheats the poor, the disabled and the taxpayer alike.

These spot findings are back of President Nixon's decision to clamp down hard on welfare management.

In one recent case, a spot check was made in one county on roughly 400 welfare recipients whose employers had reported earnings of \$1,600 or more in the three months checked. This check was limited to recipients who had given their correct names and Social Security numbers. About one out of nine, it was found, had given an honest report of their earnings.

In this sampling, the 400 had reported a combined income of less than \$400,000 for the three months. Their employers listed earnings of roughly \$800,000.

That is, these recipients had been earning during this three-month period at an average rate of roughly \$8,000 a year — but had been reporting earnings at the rate of \$3,990 a year.

More than a fourth of these in this sample reported no income at all during the three months. But investigation showed they had earnings, at an annual rate, in excess of \$8,400.

The cheating was actually greater than indicated above. The earnings reports did not include self-employed income, or jobs for which the worker had been paid in cash by an employer not under unemployment insurance. In many cases where several members of a family had earnings, there

was no way to draw these numbers together and thus learn the total earnings per family.

In spot checks through one state, it was estimated that of those on welfare who earned \$1,600 or more in the quarter studied, there was "apparent fraud" in 41 per cent of the cases.

The investigators found in this case that "a large percentage of recipients" reported none of their earned income. Many received two checks for wages each month, but reported only one. Overtime was conveniently forgotten in many instances.

These spot checks presumably did not include the worst of the cheaters. The investigators said they would assume that on average, those who listed their right name and Social Security number probably were less likely to be serious cheaters than those who worked under one name and Social Security number and collected welfare payments under another name and number.

Incidentally, these studies did not report on special assistance to the aged, blind or disabled, nor aid to children under 16.

If the men and women who deservedly need aid are to receive what they require, and if the taxpayer is to be allowed to keep enough to provide a decent life for himself and family with all the demands of government, education and growing living costs which he now faces, there is no national problem deserving of more urgency than the elimination of grossly illegal payments to welfare cheaters.

## Jeffrey Ham



## Something Rotten In Denmark

Pundits can only guess — though most of them have already guessed — what caused the Paris talks to abort: they are blaming President Thieu. They may be right, but whether the 126 "changes" in the draft agreement supposed to have been demanded by Kissinger were the cause, or whether the "reopening" of substantive issues by the North Vietnamese was the precipitating factor, no outsider can say. Nevertheless, most outsiders are blaming President Thieu, with whom, judging by the rhetoric, you would think we were at war.

Probably the basic difficulty is structural. It simply is very difficult to end a war when neither side has won militarily, and when neither, really, has given up the goals for which it has fought so long. Each wrestles for advantage in the negotiation. And it is certainly possible, even likely, that factional shifts in the Hanoi politburo lie behind the present

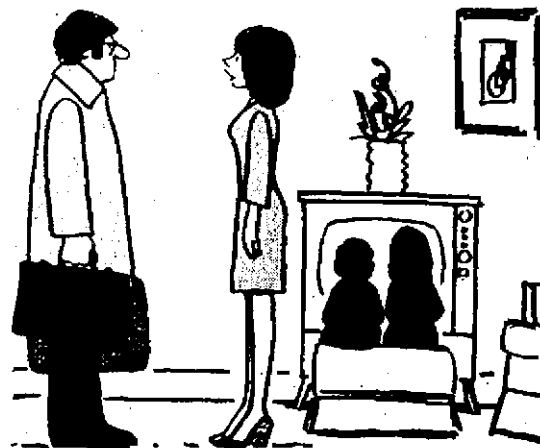
impasse. But whatever reason at length emerges for the diplomatic breakdown, one thing is crystal clear at present. And that is that the vicious global protest against renewed bombing of the North is morally and intellectually bankrupt.

Parenthetically, and to put it bluntly, it would not matter very much to history or mankind if North Vietnam ceased to exist. The country is a tough and obstreperous little military despotism fielding the best army, probably, in Southeast Asia. It is aggressive in its intent and a threat to all its neighbors. The provincials who run it have little sense of the outside world and are full of their own designs. If North Vietnam were bombed, really bombed, the place would not be missed.

But what makes for nausea is the striking asymmetry of the present protest campaign. Copenhagen newspapers are describing the President as "Bloody Nixon," and characterizing his decision to renew the bombing as the product of a "stone age mentality." At the same time, the Danish premier weighed in and declared: "I want the United States out of Vietnam." None of these protesters had a word to say last spring when the North Vietnamese regular troops were swarming around in South Vietnam, overrunning towns and villages, generating hundreds of thousands of refugees, machine-gunning them on the roads as they fled southward, rocketing cities, and so on.

As I write this, we have lost 11 B-52 high-altitude bombers. What that suggests is that the planes are flying too low in order to make sure that they hit only military targets. Bloody Nixon, indeed. Those planes should fly at 40,000 feet, where they are virtually untouchable. And it is a little hard to be lectured on morality from Copenhagen, of all places: the pornography, live sex show, and transvestite sex-change operation Capital of the World.

## BERRY'S WORLD



"Now be fair, dear! How can you expect them to miss you when you've been away on business? They didn't even know you were gone."

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## BH Will Elect Charter Commission

### Victors To Have Job Of Revising City's Basic Law

#### Fourteen Candidates Vie Friday For 9 Seats

An election that has produced no fanfare or campaign hoopla will be held in Benton Harbor Friday when voters select a nine member city charter commission from among 14 candidates. The consequence of the election is great, however. For the winners will write a charter to carry Benton Harbor through the rest of the 70's and toward the 21st century.

Voters in November balloted for revision of the current charter, last revised in 1945. Friday, they'll decide who does the revising. Another election on the charter question will be necessary when the elected charter commission presents a new document to the voters.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the regular city precincts. Following are sketches of the candidates:

#### ERNEST A. CLARK

Ernest A. (Mighty Slim) Clark, 29, of 800 LaSalle avenue, a housing inspector with the Benton township neighborhood development program, does not favor retention of the city manager-city commission form of government because "it restricts the mayor and limits his duties. The mayor of a city the size of Benton Harbor should be responsible for city government with the commission serving as check and balance. Only when the mayor can utilize full municipal powers can he be as effective as necessary."

Born in Muskegon, Clark is an eight-year resident of Benton Harbor; has associate degree from Los Angeles Community college; former Benton Harbor fireman and housing inspector; has worked to establish relations between landlords and tenants; a "Y" Uncle; Boy Scout troop leader.

#### WILCE L. COOKE

Wilce L. Cooke, 33, of 1312 Union street, a male nurse at Mercy hospital, favors a modified city manager-city commission form of government with the city manager titled "executive vice president" and charged with carrying out the mayor's will and acting as city department chiefs' first contact with higher authority. Cooke is a charter commission candidate to modernize the charter and improve city environment.

Cooke is a lifetime Benton Harbor resident; treasurer, Mercy hospital staff council; past vice president, local sickle cell anemia research chapter; member twin city human resources council; past member Tri-CAP board of directors; and trained at Oakland Community college, Bloomfield Hills, and Des Moines Area Community college.

#### LAURENCE H. FISH

Laurence H. Fish, 46, of 701 Pipestone street, an executive of F.P. Rosback Co. of Benton Harbor, favors retention of the city manager-city commission form of government. "I believe the City of Benton Harbor, the people that live within its boundary, the people that work within the city, and the entire community have a great deal at stake in the well-being of the city and its ability to meet the needs of its constituents. It is very important that we provide the type of city government that can be responsive to the needs of all its constituents."

Fish was born in Benton Harbor; has lived his entire life here but for a few years in Benton township; and holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

#### VICTOR GREER

Victor Greer, 39, of 726 Thresher avenue, president of Durable Products, Inc., of Benton Harbor, favors retaining city manager-city commission government but believes the present city charter is outdated and must be changed. "I feel that much of the deterioration of our city is caused by our outdated charter, and it needs to be changed so that our city can begin to move in the right direction again."

Greer is a Mississippi native and 20-year resident of Benton Harbor; won a degree in business administration from Lemoyne college, Memphis, Tenn., in 1954; was a non-commissioned officer in the military during the Korean war; has been a Berrien county commissioner four years and just won reelection; and is a member of the twin city's Optimist club, Canamex games board of directors, American Legion Post 410 and Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### CHARLES E. HENRY SR.

Charles E. Henry, Sr., 26, of 1245 Bishop avenue, a Bendix employee, is running "to restructure the city charter, to incorporate changes and improve Benton Harbor's effectiveness in dealing with all the areas under this city's jurisdiction. These areas are economic, political and social. My personal goal is to submit a charter to which the city can function now with flexibility and projections for 20-40 years from now. I strongly feel a restructured city charter is needed and can be drawn up to bring total and lasting prosperity to our city government and our people."

Henry has an associate degree from Arizona State University; born Kountze, Texas; board member Comprehensive Multi-Economic Development Systems; adviser to Urban Youth Coalition; member American Legion Post 410.

#### MRS. BARBARA JONES

Mrs. Barbara Jones, 28, of 357 Empire avenue, a housewife,



ERNEST A. CLARK



WILCE L. COOKE



LAURENCE H. FISH



VICTOR GREER



CHARLES E. HENRY, SR.



MRS. BARBARA JONES



RALPH J. LHOTKA



REV. BARNEY MARTIN



HERSHEL MCKENZIE



JAMES L. MURPHY



WILLIAM T. PARKS



MRS. ANNIE ROBINSON



CHARLES SHEPHERD



WILBERT F. SMITH

favors retention of city manager-city commission form of government. "I am a candidate for charter commissioner because I feel that I have a commitment to Benton Harbor to try and help put Benton Harbor in its proper perspective. I have a great interest in government and I love people. I have always tried to be a good concerned citizen."

Born in Conway, Ark.; a 24-year resident of Benton Harbor; married to George Jones; former Tri-CAP director; adviser to Black Youth group; corresponding secretary for Concerned Veterans from Vietnam; chairman finance and economic development, YWCA; Title I advisory council; Democratic state delegate; coordinator McGovern-Shriver Benton Harbor campaign; nominated for national Democratic delegate losing by small margin.

#### RALPH J. LHOTKA

Ralph J. Lhotka, 54, of 444 Division street, a Heath Co. foreman, says his experience in municipal government has given him an understanding of the current charter and ideas with which a modern document can be drafted. He favors retention of the city manager-city commission form of government.

Born in Chicago, Lhotka has lived in Benton Harbor 52 years; graduate of St. John's high school; served on city commission 19 years (1953-72) where he held several key committee posts including finance chairman and was a staunch advocate of living within income.

#### REV. BARNEY W. MARTIN

Rev. Barney W. Martin, 257 North Winans street, an Auto Specialties employee, associate minister of St. Mark's Baptist church, is a candidate because "this is my home and unlike many who say 'it is finished' I refused to believe that statement. I believe that Benton Harbor can be a good place in which to live, work, worship and raise a family. The crisis of the moment constraineth me to get more involved. This is an opportunity to do so by rewriting an outdated city charter which is a hindrance to the progress of the city of Benton Harbor and to the welfare of the citizens."

A five-year Benton Harbor resident, Rev. Martin was born in Coffeeville, Miss.; is a former Chicago precinct captain; attended M&I college, Holly Springs, Miss., and Lewis Business college, Detroit; a Master Mason.

#### HERSHEL MCKENZIE

Hershel McKenzie, 49, of 673 East Main street, a main-

tenance department employee of U.S. Postal Service, favors strong mayor form of government with mayor directly responsible to people. McKenzie says he feels an obligation "to participate in the growth and development of the city." McKenzie believes "there's an important 14 letter word too many of us tend to overlook ... Responsibility, your responsibility to today's and tomorrow's society."

McKenzie is president of the Twin City branch NAACP; member of state NAACP executive committee and Title I policy advisory committee of Benton Harbor Area schools; has worked for racial justice through conciliation, legal redress and education; attended Parker high school in Birmingham, Ala., his birthplace; 20-year resident of Benton Harbor.

#### JAMES L. MURPHY

James L. Murphy, 46, of 179 East Britain avenue, a cost accountant at Whirlpool's St. Joseph Division, favors retention of the city manager-city form of government. "I consider the charter for the city of Benton Harbor on a par with the state constitution and federal constitution. It is the document under which we have to live, and if we are to have changes, let's make those changes meaningful and good for the people of Benton Harbor."

A 35-year resident of Benton Harbor, Murphy was born in East Prairie, Mo.; a Benton Harbor high school graduate; attended Western Michigan university; has been active in PTA and scouting; married, father of nine; three in college; six in BH public schools.

#### WILLIAM T. PARKS

William T. Parks, 61, of 450 East Britain avenue, a self-employed real estate manager, favors retaining the present city manager-city commission form of government and thinks he belongs on the charter commission because "I have the background and experience necessary for the job."

A native Benton Harborite and resident here all but 10 years of his life, Parks is a former member of United Community Chest's budget committee; a past president of the Benton Harbor Exchange club; is a former member of the Benton Harbor board of education; was graduated from Benton Harbor high school and holds a degree in chemical engineering from Purdue university; and was a Benton Harbor city commissioner during the 1960s.

#### MRS. ANNIE ROBINSON

Mrs. Annie Lee Robinson, 53, of 1035 Monroe street, is a

chapter commission candidate because "I am an interested citizen of Benton Harbor, and am interested in seeing more women involved in the city's government. I think an up to date charter will benefit all our citizens."

A licensed practical nurse at Bry Fern nursing home, Mrs. Robinson is the wife of John Robinson. Born in Arkansas, she is a 49-year resident of Benton Harbor; attended Benton Harbor high school and Benton Harbor Junior college; vice president of M&H Sicle Cell Foundation, Inc.; was cited by Berrien county health department for her involvement in sickle cell anemia testing program; favors retention of city manager-city commission form of government.

#### CHARLES SHEPHERD

Charles Shepherd, 40, of 860 Bishop avenue, a press brake operator at Scowcroft Co., describes himself as "just a citizen who finally realized that it takes all the people behind our city government to lighten the burden."

Born in Oceola, Ark., Shepherd is a graduate of Washington Technical high school. He feels "it's my duty to do whatever I can to help our city to start moving in an upward direction. I am aware that our present charter was geared to handle the problems of the 70's. The revision will be a major step in a progressive direction for our city. As for the retention of city manager-city commission form of government that will be a decision collectively decided by the nine elected commissioners."

#### WILBERT F. SMITH

Wilbert F. Smith, 68, of 785 LaSalle avenue, retired, wants retention of the city manager-city commission form of government. "I believe it is indispensable for a city the size of Benton Harbor. But our present charter certainly needs updating. It has many problems such as vacant lots not carrying their full weight in assessing purposes, for paving and other public improvements."

A life-long resident of Benton Harbor, Smith attended BHHS; was a 38-year employee of former A. B. Morse Co.; employed by Whirlpool six years; elected to city commission in 1953; elected mayor in 1957 and served an unprecedented seven terms before being defeated in 1971; past member of city market board, planning commission and pension boards; on Berrien Red Cross board of directors, city housing commission, Model Cities steering committee.



'Y' CHESS CHAMPS: David Wahl (left) squares off against Michael Masini (right) in a practice session under the view of Matthew Finch and Jon Masini. Wahl, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud D. Wahl, Saturday was

declared senior youth division winner of twin city YMCA's first annual chess tournament. Other three lads tied for first in junior youth division. Jon and Mike are brothers, and all are of St. Joseph. (Staff photo)

### To Send Our New Year's Edition ...

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# Area Escapes Major Flooding Damage

Management association will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Inman's restaurant at Galesburg. Speaker will be Bill Doolittle, head football coach at Western Michigan university who will speak on "Motivation".

